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**Monday February 5, 2007** 8:30am-4:00pm

**Indiana Convention Center** 100 South Capitol Avenue Indianapolis, IN 46225

Children Our Best Investment-Youth Legislative Day is an advocacy event designed to help Indiana residents learn how they can assist their elected officials make better decisions about important child and family issues.

Visit: www.childrensbureau.org/cobi

## Let Your Voice Be Heard: Speak Out

2007 will be the 9th year that advocates from all over Indiana have come together to lift their voices for our most vulnerable citizens.

Let Your Voice Be Heard: Speak Out will be the theme that drives this year's event. Youth advocates will be encouraged to share their issues and learn how to advocate effectively for what they believe.

#### This year's highlights include:

- Four break out sessions focusing on a variety of advocacy topics.
- Hands-on activities to help you frame your message to legislators.
- Experienced advocates who understand the process.
- Meeting your legislators make an appointment or let us assist you.
- CEU's applied for through the NASW

Questions? Call Holley or Patty 317-264-2700 Or for more information please visit our website at: www.childrensbureau.org/cobi

## Return registration form with payment to:

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Cost (Lunch Included)
Adults: \$30
Students over 18: \$10
Children under 18: FREE

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#### **PARKING**

- Parking is often challenging.
- Please allow 15-30 minutes to park.
- Daily parking costs range from \$12-18 depending on the location.
- Please check our website closer to the date of the event for discounted parking information.
- For more parking information visit: www.ICCRD.com/conv/parking.aspx

# Schedule of Events COBI-YLD 2007 "Let Your Voice Be Heard: Speak Out"

8:30-9:30 Registration-Juice and Coffee

9:30-10:20 Welcome & Panel Presentation

10:30-11:20 Workshops 1-4

11:30-12:20 Workshops 1-4, Repeated

12:30-1:30 Lunch, Keynote speaker, John Gregg, Former Speaker of the House

1:45-4:00 Convene in the North Atrium of the state house for tours, prize giveaways and speeches from legislators.

Workshops will be facilitated by experienced youth and adult advocates.

## Workshop #1: (Youth Facilitated) Debating & Compromising

This session will provide hands on interactive activities including a role play on debating various sides of a bill and an activity on how a bill becomes law.

#### Workshop #3: Framing Your Message

Participants will learn how to research, present, and sell their issues effectively to decision makers. Role plays will explore the importance of seeing all sides of an issue.

# Workshop #2: (Youth Facilitated) What do Elections have to do with Advocacy?

With a focus on how legislators influence laws, this workshop will teach participants how elections work and why it's important to vote. Attendees will participate in a live debate and a mock election.

#### Workshop #4:

"Taking it to the Streets"

This workshop will highlight ways to collaborate with the community to achieve success with an issue. Topics will include community organizing, writing letters to and phoning legislators, testifying before committees, and informing the public on important issues.

### **2007 COBI-YLD Registration Form**

Name
Agency
Billing Address
City/State/Zip
PhoneEmail
Preferred Break-out Sessions (select two)  "Debating & Compromising"  "What do elections have to do with Advocacy?"  "Framing Your Message"  "Taking it to the Streets"
Do you want to take the State House Tour? Yes No
To assist us in assuring that all legislators are contacted on Feb 5th, please share the following information:
Home Address
Who is your State Representative?
Who is your State Senator?
Will you schedule an appointment with one or both? Yes No
Special accommodations needed? (Please Specify)
Vegetarian meal needed? Yes No

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